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From: Ron Parker
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 1:17 AM
Subject: media monopoly

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I just wanted to send you this e-mail to let you know how much I appreciate your opposition to the leadership in the FCC to create a media monopoly more than we have already. I'd like to know what happened to the Taft-Hartly law. Thank you for all your effort.

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From: WetheP@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB. Commissioner
Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 5:42 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity

Dear Commissioners Powell, Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein:

I am deeply concerned that large media conglomerates are swallowing up **so** many independent radio stations, TV stations, and other media sources. It is vital for democracy to preserve independent media sources in order to have as many voices and opinions heard, to preserve diversity -- that is what our country is about.

Please do not allow the large media companies to get even larger. If this happens, it will be much harder to find out what is really going on in the world.

Very truly yours,

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From: Cameron L.
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 7:06 AM
Subject: Consolidation of Media Networks

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FCC Comissioner Copps,

I am concerned about further consolidation of the large media networks in regards to television, radio, and other media forms. Further de-regulation will allow these channels of information to be in control of an elite and powerful few. As there is little diversity in the media as it is, further damage would put another nail into the coffin for any **type** of diversification and freedom. This isn't an issue that a large cross-section of the United States' population is aware of, but it affects them much more than they realize. I hope you will take my concerns with you when a decision is made on this issue.

Thanks,
Cameron L

From: NancyJ
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 8:00 AM
Subject: Media ownership rules

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Dear Commissioner Copps,

I live in Fort Mill South Carolina, just south of Charlotte North Carolina.

The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, Lake Wylie Pilot, and Yorktown Observer, all newspapers in my home county, are owned by the McClatchy Newspaper Group.

Many of the Charlotte area radio stations are owned by Clear Channel Communications, with many other radio and TV stations owned by similar corporate giant including Jefferson-Pilot Communications.

Important issues are left unexamined in my community because of the density of local media ownership by out-of-state interests.

I'll concede that it's possible that these same issues will go unexamined with smaller, even local, ownership. Even so, I believe that concentrated media ownership represents a real and palpable danger to our democracy and the future of our nation. Please strengthen, rather than weaken, rules and regulations that limit the power and influence of these companies. The people of my area deserve a broad based presentation of the day's news, something we will not get if the FCC approves new rules changing ownership rules.

Sincerely,

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From: janinahopkins@lucent.com **EX PARTE OH LATE FILED**
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Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2003 10:09 AM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also raise costs for businesses and candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. We believe that additional input from the public will help the Commission see the strengths and weaknesses of any new approach.

I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

The stakes for citizens and the nation are enormous. More information, not less, about proposed changes would best serve the public interest. Indeed, we hope the Commission would do everything in its power to keep the rulemaking process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

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